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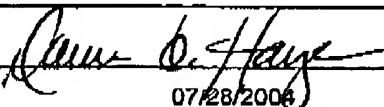
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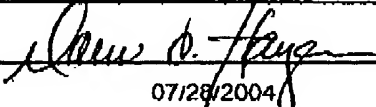
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Please extend the time for responding to the Restriction Requirement dated May 28, 2004 by one month, from June 28, 2004, to July 28, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$55.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 28, 2004, please amend the application as shown below: